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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF ARAB AND EUROPEAN
STATES BORDERING THE MEDITERRANEAN FOR ADOPTION OF CON-
VENTION ON RECOGNITION OF STUDIES, DIPLOMAS AND DEGREES
IN HIGHER EDUCATION, NICE, 13-17 DECEMBER 1976

1. SUBJECT CONVENTION SIGNED BY FRANCE, EGYPT, YUGO-
SLAVIA, MOROCCO AND CYPRUS. TUNISIAN CREDENTIALS AR-
RIVED TOO LATE TO SIGN AT CEREMONY. FINAL ACT SIGNED BY
ABOVE STATES PLUS ITALY, SPAIN, MONACO, TUNISIA, TURKEY,
GREECE AND LIBYA.

2. ALGERIAN REP, ORIGINALLY THOUGHT TO BE AT CONFERENCE,
NEVER ARRIVED.

3. DRAFT FINAL REPORT, PARAS 21 AND 22 CONTAINED STRONG
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REFERENCE TC CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY US AND FRG REGARDING
AUTONOMY OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR RE-
COGNITION OF SECONDARY AND PROFESSIONAL DEGREES, AND
UNIQUE PROBLEMS OF STATES WITH FEDERAL SYSTEMS. EGYPT
MOVED TO SOFTEN THE WORDING. YUGOSLAVIA MOVED TO
HAVE PARAS 21 AND 22 DELETED SAYING THAT COMMENTS BY OB-

SERVICES SHOULD NOT DETRACT FROM THE "SPIRIT OF COOPERATION" DEMONSTRATED BY PARTICIPANTS. PRESIDENT (FRANCE) AND SECRETARIAT MADE IT CLEAR THE RECORD MUST SHOW THE CONTENT OF THE OBSERVERS' INTERVENTIONS. WORDING WAS MODIFIED INTO ONE PARA BY RAPPOREUR. ORIGINAL WORDING WAS CLOSER TO WHAT WAS ACTUALLY SAID THAN FINAL WORDING. DRAFT OF PARA 21 FINAL WORDING, CONVENTION AND FINAL ACT BEING POUCHED TO DEPT.

4. CONFERENCE ENDED ON POSITIVE NOTE. US AND FRG MADE POSITIONS CLEAR REGARDING THEIR RESPECTIVE RESERVATIONS CONCERNING THE USE OF SUBJECT CONVENTION WORDING AT FORTHCOMING EUROPEAN CONFERENCE.

5. HEFLING WAS EXCELLENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR US.

6. USDEL STRONGLY RECOMMENDS DR. R. WANNER, US OFFICE OF EDUCATION JOIN PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE AS USDEL TO FORTHCOMING EUROPEAN MEETING NOW TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR 1977.

7. FINAL REPORT OF SUBJECT CONFERENCE WILL BE AVAILABLE JANUARY 1977.
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